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Grand Knight	Lewis Muñoz
Deputy GK	Bryan McKrell
Chancellor	Adam Struck
Warden	Garrett Thomas
Recorder	John Watling
Treasurer	Dale Edwards
Advocate	Matthew Lucien
Inside Guard	Michael Litwin
Outside Guard	Greg Wolfe
Lecturer	
Financial Secretary	John Sheldon

TRUSTEES

3-Year	George Mills/Michelle
2-Year	Fred Struck/Mary
1-Year	Al Piccardo/Peggy

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HALL SETUP/CLEANUP

Terry Corcoran

HALL RENTAL

Steve Mills

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*GK Lewis Muñoz	*DGK Bryan McKrell	* By Virtue of Council Office
President	David Carboni	
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Recorder	Steve Mills	
Member	PGK Al Piccardo	
Member	Rudy Nagle	
Member	Bob Ocenosak	

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Community	Matt Curran
Council	Matthew Lucien
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Calendar of Events

Get updated event information 24 hours a day at <http://sacramento.kofc953.org/calendar>

June	2	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	9	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens at 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	14	Tuesday		Flag Day
	19	Sunday		Fathers Day
	20	Monday	7:00 pm	First Degree Exemplification
	30	Thursday	6:30 pm	PGK & Old Timer Dinner/Installation of Officers
July	4	Monday		Independence Day
	7	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	9	Saturday	7:00 pm	Greek Night (Social Hour 6:00 pm)
	14	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens at 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Worthy Brother Knights and Knight Families:

As my final act of authoring the Grand Knight's message for the last Council Newsletter of the Columbian year 2015-2016, I want to take a moment to thank you all for a successful year. Some of our biggest accomplishments this past year included:

- Creating the St. Steven's Council
- Fundraising and donating funds to the Get-On-The-Bus Program
- Donating to the Christians-At-Risk
- Helping fellow Christians who are being persecuted by the violence in the Middle East
- Donating to the Ukrainian Relief Fund (helping those in Ukraine being affected by the conflict with Russia)
- Providing scholarships to the Cristo Rey High School students
- Donating to the Food Bank
- Donating supplies and items to the Bishop Gallegos Maternity House
- Continuing to support religious vocations by supporting four seminarians complete their studies

The list goes on . . . **This would not have been possible, but for the dedication of all of you.**

"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers that you do unto me . . ." (Matthew 25:31-40.) "In service to one, in service to all." (Knights of Columbus motto.) These words carry the very essence of what it means to be a Knight in our Order. Indeed, "in the Christian knight, the ideal of the warrior, as defender of the weak,

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

joins with the ideal of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant." (*Columbia*, "Knights, The Servants of Mercy," June 2016). We, as Knights of Columbus, strive to serve others. To defend those who cannot defend themselves. To speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. To stop suffering where there is pain, and to give love where there is hate. That is who we are. I am proud of each and every one of you, and you should all share in the success of this wonderful Order.

May God continue to bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

Lewis Muñoz

Grand Knight, Council 953

Officers Nominated by the Committee for the 2016-17 Columbian Year

The committee has nominated the following slate of officers for the 2016-17 Columbian Year. The slate of officers was be read at the May business meeting and voted on at the June business meeting:

Grand Knight – Bryan McKrell
Deputy Grand Knight – Adam Struck
Chancellor – Garrett Thomas
Warden – Michael Litwin
Recorder – Matt Curran
Inside Guard – Greg Wolfe
Outside Guard – Clif Bachmeier
Advocate – Matt Lucien
Treasurer – John Watling

3 Year Trustee – Lewis Muñoz
2 Year Trustee – George Mills
1 Year Trustee – Fred Struck

Financial Secretary – John Sheldon
(Appointed by Supreme – no vote needed)

Passing of PGK Bob Hocking

It is with great sadness that we report that PGK Bob Hocking, a longtime member of Council 953, has fallen asleep in the Lord. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Catholic Information Service

For 60 years the Knights of Columbus has brought the teachings of the Catholic Church to millions through easy-to-read booklets published by the Catholic Information Service. New titles are being added to our catalog regularly, all aimed at helping you understand more completely the richness of the Catholic faith and Catholic life. For further information go to <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/cis/index.html>

First Degree Exemplification

The council will be holding a First Degree Exemplification on Monday, June 20. All members are invited to attend to both observe the ceremony and welcome our new Brother Knights. The doors to the council hall will be open at 6:00 pm, and we are requesting that all candidates arrive no later than 6:30. The exemplification shall begin promptly at 7:00. Refreshments will be served following the exemplification. For additional information, please contact Membership Director John Watling at 388-1233.

Knights of Columbus Sets Record in Charity for 17th Straight Year

The Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record last year for charitable donations and service hours with \$175,079,192 in donations and more than 73.5 million hours of service. The numbers were announced at the closing session of the annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies in New Haven.

“We are very proud of these Fraternal Survey numbers,” Supreme Knight Anderson said. “These are a clear indication that we are keeping faith with Father McGivney’s principle of charity and also of unity, not only among ourselves, but with those in need. This is what we call a charity that evangelizes. This is what makes Knights of Columbus different.”

Supreme Knight Anderson went on to say that these records of giving perfectly illustrate the point made by Father Tomasz Kraj, Poland Associate State Chaplain and Theologian in Residence at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, in his homily during the Mass that preceded the closing session. Father Kraj said that the world needs more men who pay witness through their actions to what it means to be a Catholic.

“We are answering Pope Francis’ call to go to the peripheries,” the supreme knight said. “We can reach half way around the globe to help those in need and we can reach to our neighbor next door. And we do that every day. That makes us witnesses to the faith.”

The number of service hours rose by more than a million over the previous year’s total, according to the Knights of Columbus Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending Dec. 31, 2015. Donations grew by more than \$1.5 million since 2014, achieving an increase in giving for the 17th consecutive year.

The top ten jurisdiction in charitable giving (from highest) were: Texas, California, Florida, Quebec, Illinois, Michigan, Ontario, New York, Missouri and New Jersey. For volunteer hours, the top ten were: Luzon North, Texas, Illinois, Florida, California, Luzon South, Ontario, Michigan, Visayas and Pennsylvania.

Supreme Knight Anderson pointed out that while these numbers are impressive, jurisdiction leaders need to focus now on ensuring that the Order grows in charitable giving and volunteer service during the coming 2016-17 fraternal year. The Knights continued to support their local communities in 2015 through such programs as aid to Christians at Risk, Coats for Kids, the Food for Families initiative and blood drives. Knights also gave assistance to Habitat for Humanity, the Global Wheelchair Mission and other large-scale charitable organizations.



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Unfortunately, as fathers we don't have a crystal ball to tell us the future of our children. Your child could eventually have a rare disease, cancer, or be overweight. Did you know you can purchase a child's policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month?

I've heard it said that people don't want to "profit" from the death of a child, so they won't purchase coverage on their children. God forbid something tragic happens, those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent's mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on a child.

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Fraternally,

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Please notify your council of any change in mailing address, telephone number or email address. Changes can be submitted by phone message at (916) 736-0953 or by email at fs@kofc953.org.

For Whom We Pray

Memorial Mass: None this month
Spiritual Bouquets: None this month
Sick: Charlie Nulk



If someone in your family is hospitalized or sick, contact Michael Litwin at (916) 208-2426 or pray@kofc953.org. A spiritual bouquet will be sent to them in our Council's name. Prayers are the best medicine for the sick. Mass cards are also sent to the families of deceased Brothers or deceased members of their immediate families. WE NEED YOUR HELP! The spiritual bouquets and Mass cards cannot be sent if we are not told of the need. So please let us know by contacting Michael at pray@kofc953.org.



You may also make a prayer request by leaving a comment at the council web site under prayer requests <http://sacramento.kofc953.org/prayer>

Business Meeting Dinners

Below is the upcoming schedule with the names of the volunteer cooks and greeters:

Month	Cooks	Menu	Greeters
June	Steve Mills	Tri tip, chicken, southwest salad	TBA
July	TBA	TBA	TBA
August	TBA	TBA	TBA

Your meal at the business meeting is free in the month of your birthday. All members of Council 953 who have a birthday in the month of June get to eat for free at the June business meeting. Happy birthday!

Council Web Site

Please take the time to visit our Council web site at <http://www.kofc953.org>. You can download current or past issues of the Knight Letter. All articles published by the Northern California Chapter of the Knights of Columbus are now published on our website as well. In addition there is a calendar page listing all our council events, a photo gallery page and links to other websites of interest. Also if you go to the Prayer Request page at <http://sacramento.kofc953.org/prayer> you may post a prayer request by leaving a comment. Also the Northern California Chapter has recently redesigned their website, the address of which is <http://www.kofcncc.org>.



Knights of Columbus #953

PGK & Old Timers Dinner / Installation of Officers

Thursday, June 30, 2016

Join us as we honor our outgoing Grand Knight and install our newly elected officers for the 2016-17 Columbian Year

Featuring a delicious dinner prepared by
Chef Dave Carboni.

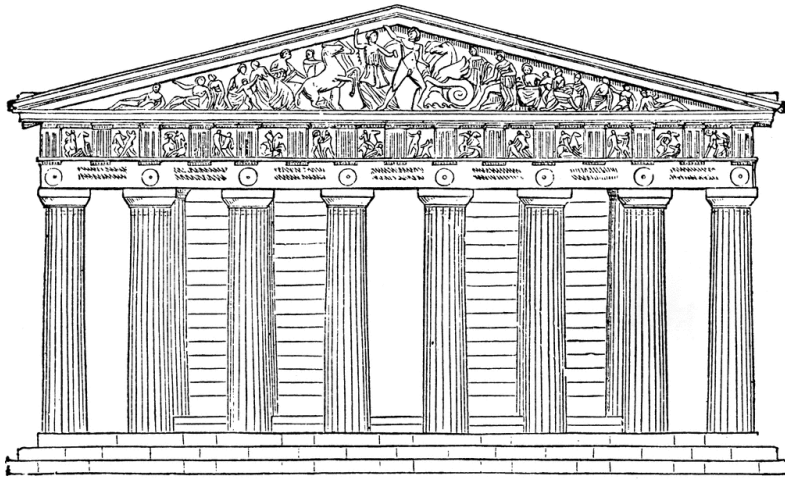


Stick around after dinner as we recognize all our PGK's and those of our long time members who have achieved milestones of service in the Knights of Columbus.

No-Host Bar 6:00 pm
Installation of Officers 6:30 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm
5961 Newman Ct.
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Cost of the evening is \$10.00 per adult.
PGK's as well as children 12 years and
under eat for free.

Make your reservations by contacting
Lewis Muñoz at 916-616-2051 or
lfmunoz@sbcglobal.net, or by calling the
Hall at 916-736-0953



GREEK NIGHT

Presented by Knights of Columbus #953

Saturday, July 9, 2016

K of C Hall – 5961 Newman Ct., Sacramento, CA 95819

No-Host Bar 6:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Raffle to follow

Featuring an authentic Greek menu:

Greek Chicken

Potatoes

Spanakopita

Greek Salad

Dessert

Tickets are \$20 for adults

Children under 12 are \$10



Make your reservations today by calling

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